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SCHAUER HONORS BATTLE CREEK DETECTIVE GREGORY HUGGETT

TOP COPS award-winner shot while investigating brutal murder

LANSING-State Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) honored Detective Gregory T. Huggett of the Battle Creek Police Department at a ceremony today at the Capitol. Detective Huggett received the National Association of Police Organizations' (NAPO) TOP COPS® award this year after being shot in the line of duty.

"Detective Huggett exemplifies a spirit of commitment that we should all aspire to," said Schauer. "Dedication like this is what makes our city and our country great."

Last May Detective Huggett and his partner, Detective LaVern Brann, were investigating a brutal murder. Upon arriving at the crime scene, Detectives Huggett and Brann encountered a panicked occupant trying to flee the scene who then turned his gun on Detective Brann and killed him. Detective Huggett bravely continued to pursue the suspect and was himself shot in the leg in the gun battle that ensued. As a result of Detective Huggett's unwavering courage and determination, the suspect was captured before he could destroy any more lives.

"We can't say, 'Thank you,' enough," said Schauer. "He put his own life on the line to protect us."

Earlier this month, the National Association of Police Organizations paid tribute to Detective Huggett in Washington D.C. at their Thirteenth Annual TOP COPS® Awards ceremony, in recognition of the professionalism and courage that Detective Huggett showed before, during, and after being shot during the above mentioned murder investigation. The award pays tribute to outstanding law enforcement officers across the country for actions above and beyond the call of duty. TOP COPS® awardees are nominated by their fellow officers for outstanding service during the preceding calendar year. Nationwide, 10 recipients are chosen annually.

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Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19th Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.